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Bethel looks for more revenue for its sewer budget

By ALISON ALOISIO

With sources of revenue drying up, Bethel officials are looking for ways to balance the town's sewer budget.

That could mean more charges for at least some users.

Selectmen last week heard a budget presentation by Town Manager Jim Doar and Wastewater Treatment Superintendent Rob Gundersen.

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Passenger rail projects outlined

Four proposals to possibly return passenger rail service between Portland and Montreal - one of which specifically describes a stop in Bethel - were outlined Tuesday in a press release provided by the Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce.

The Androscoggin-Oxford-Coos Counties Corridor Committee (AOCCC),

the lead group on projects to restore passenger rail to the western Maine region, will host presentations Sept. 4 in South Paris on the rail proposals.

"The AOCCC and its predecessors have found that its work to date is in support of a number of initiatives including proposed passenger rail service between Montreal and Boston on the SLR

route," the press release said.

"Those of us who have been a part of this discussion and effort since 2007 or so are so pleased that we now have grassroots support from selectboards from Mechanic Falls to Bethel," Robin Zinchuk, executive director of the BACC, said Tuesday night. "The fact that we also now have two potential

private investment groups seeking to make passenger rail through western Maine a reality is very exciting."

A short review of the projects follows, as described in the press release:

The Night Train

between
Montreal and Boston
A businessman from the

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Directional sign sales a go in Bethel

By ALISON ALOISIO

New highway and village business roadside directional signs in Bethel will have a three-week lead time for installation, following approval by selectmen last week of two sign contractors who will work together.

One highway sign panel will cost a business \$675 for the sign and \$160 for installation by the town, plus a \$75 annual maintenance fee.

For a village business sign panel, the cost will

be \$300 for the sign itself, with the installation and maintenance costs the same.

The sign panels will be created by Ross Swan of Swan Screen Printing of Bethel, while the posts/assemblies will be provided by Ryan Mechanical Services of Rumford.

By having Swan and Ryan work together, the combined cost for one highway sign assembly with three panels/slats for three businesses will be \$6,305, compared to the

\$8,525 bid (\$1,200 per panel) offered by Neokraft of Lewiston, the other bidder in the process.

The costs for village sign packages under the two options were very similar.

The highway sign panels will be 84 by 20 inches, while the village ones will be 48 inches by 12 inches.

The town will pay for the posts/assemblies upfront, with the cost to be recovered over time through the maintenance fees, Town Manager Jim Doar said.

Bethel had tried through the summer to get bids for the sign work to go with its new ordinance, approved in June, but companies initially interested said the timeline the town was requesting was too short and they did not submit bids, according to town officials.

Neokraft said in its bid signs could not be ready until mid-October.

Selectmen also approved an amended sign application form at their meeting.

Disappearing gas prompts Andover to buy tracking device

By ALISON ALOISIO

Andover voters turned out last week to consider raising money to pay for a leaking fuel tank and buy a fire truck.

But most of the discussion ended up being about keeping track of the use of gasoline by town employees.

About 80 people attended last Thursday's special town meeting, which was called initially to deal with the aftermath of a leaking oil tank at the town garage. The Department of Environmental Protection did the cleanup, and voters were asked to raise \$12,000 to pay its share of that as well as buy and install replacement tanks and other items needed to ensure compliance with the state's mandated spill prevention plan.

When the time came to make the motion, selectboard Chair Susan Mer-

row moved to amend the amount to \$16,000 to add extra funds to more easily monitor which town departments are getting gas.

The departments include Highway, Fire and Transfer Station.

Road Commissioner Marshall Meisner objected.

"We scraped to the bare bones to get this \$12,000 and I think this extra money is frivolous," he said. "The only other department that uses gas is the Transfer Station. If we want to do this, I think the money should come from the Transfer Station budget."

Wayne Delano also questioned the move.

"If we can't keep track of these three outfits I think we've got some serious problems," he said.

Replied Kevin Scott, "We've got some awful

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Woodstock temporarily puts brakes on Roadside Spring study

By ALISON ALOISIO

Woodstock selectmen decided last week to put plans for a hydrological study for the Roadside Spring on hold until they can meet with abutting landowners.

Members of the Woodstock Conservation Commission initially met with the board last week to discuss finding the remaining funding for the study.

Background
Last month the WCC's Marcel Polak brought three proposals to the selectboard for the study of the Route 26 spring.

The study would determine what protections in the wider area around the spring might be needed to preserve it over the long term.

Polak recommended consultant St. Germain-Collins of Westbrook with a bid of \$2,900, the cheapest

among those offered. He said a grant is available to pay for part of the work, with the remaining \$1,450 to be made up by the town.

The board discussed then whether one of two available town funds would be appropriate to use for that purpose.

An \$80,000 fund that came from Patriot Renewables is to be used solely for land conservation, Polak said.

Another option was an account containing approximately \$30,000 is funded through fees paid by developers applying for projects, generally for the benefit of the town.

The board eventually agreed to have the Planning Board make a recommendation on which fund to use, to bring back to se-

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Tribute to the Farmer



Longtime Newry farmer Leslie Robertson, whose nickname was "Farmer," died last week of brain cancer. For years he had mowed the field in Bethel known as the Gateway Parcel, located on Route 26 just south of Bethel Village. On Saturday, the day of his memorial service at the Bethel Alliance Church just down the road, friends used his farming equipment to craft a fitting memorial on the Gateway field. Freeman Corriveau, Andrew and Rob Gundersen, with the help of Blake Farms, Carter Farms, Ed Swain and Jodi Gaudreau put the display together. Also helping were Les' daughter, Amy, and her cousin Tayna Knox. After the service there was a parade that included tractors from Carter's, Blake's, John Swan, and Robertson Farms, along with a log truck from Fred Curtis Logging to represent Robertson's logging work. Said his significant other, Linda Smith, "It is a wonderful tribute to a person who represents a dying breed. Also to a person who has touched so many lives not only in his everyday life, but in his battle with cancer."

(Audrey Thibodeau)

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Bethel Recreation Soccer

K-2nd Grade: Bethel Recreation will offer the traditional Saturday morning soccer program for K-2nd grade players. Players must be a minimum of 5 years old or entering kindergarten in 2013. Participants will meet each Saturday from 9am to 10:30am at the lower field of Telstar High School. The program will start on Saturday, August 31st and run through October 19th. Sign up for K-2nd grade program at the town office by Friday, August 30th. \$15 for Bethel residents.

3rd-4th Grade & 5th-6th Grade: Bethel will continue to offer older players an opportunity to grow their skills and play more soccer by representing Bethel in the Oxford Boosters League. We will compete in 2 age brackets: 3rd-4th grade and 5th-6th grade. Teams will practice (75-90 min) 2 times mid-week at the lower field of Telstar High School and play 2 games each Saturday afternoon against neighboring towns in the Norway area. The programs will start on Saturday, August 31st at 10:30am and go through October 19th. Sign up for the Boosters program at the town office by Friday, August 30th. \$15 for Bethel residents.

Letters

PATHWAY BRIDGES IN POOR SHAPE

To the Editor:

I was the person that posted the two warning notices on the bridge after the Davis Park playground in Bethel. My wife fell on one of the three hand-rail bridges crossing the swamp. She broke her kneecap in several places and got a half-inch splinter in the palm of her left hand. I regret to say that all three bridges are in sad shape. The tripped-on southbound bridge had almost all the 2x6 planking exposed at the end. The thickness of the ends of the 2x6's ranged from one and three-eighths to one and one-half inches wide.

She has been flat in her chair since July 16, with a full-length splint on her left leg.

She lay on the bridge for five to 10 minutes. She had a young, fast-walking girl come by, but she didn't stop. Finally, a man walking his dog came by, but didn't stop at first. He went 50 to 100 feet and then came back. He said he thought that she was just waiting for someone. He got someone in a service uniform to carry her out to the parkway on the trail that runs up the hill.

Al Tanguay
Albany

PATHWAY BRIDGES

To the Editor:

The footbridges and snowmobile bridge on the Pathway at Davis Park are in need of repair; most of the many regular users have seen the hand-written note recounting a very sad and unfortunate injury and warning people to be careful. Town Meeting appropriated money to fix them this summer and repairs are under way. In the meantime, please be careful, particularly when crossing the foot bridges.

James G. Doar
Town Manager

PARTY OF DISCORD

To the Editor:

In response to Harry Faulkner's "Conservative Not Racist" presentation. Being neither a pundit nor a patron of any political entity, I take no issue with a prudent degree of conservatism. I do have to agree with Mr. Faulkner that President Bush took his well-deserved no-nonsense lumps for leading the nation into an unfunded war to eliminate weapons of mass destruction that never existed, and for allowing the gigantic financial institutions to bring this nation's economy to the brink of collapse. I would also have to agree with Mr. Faulkner that any five year old including myself would not have to hold their breath too long before they would be able to comprehend the racial, ethnic and gender bias espoused by the present day Republican establishment. All of the phony, trumped up scandals, the nation-wide effort at voter suppression would be indicative of a political party that was at odds with itself, out of touch with reality and not in keeping with a true concept of Democracy. I can understand and appreciate Mr. Faulkner's ire and consternation due to what his chosen party has evolved into. The incursion of the radical right wing Tea Party element has rendered the Republican Party a seething hornet's nest of intrigue, discord and thus not overly appealing to the majority of this nation's collective electorate. There exists an extreme possibility that in the process of the upcoming 2016 Presidential election, the Republicans may have to convert their racially biased tendencies to gender bias, and if that happens to occur all I can say to the Republicans is "good luck."

The most egregious part of Mr. Faulkner's letter was his contention that I referred to him as a racist. When one states something as being a fact, when they know that it is absolutely not a fact, that would constitute an instance of untruthfulness, and I think Mr. Faulkner would have to admit that I never mentioned his name in my letter.

Don Chase
Bethel

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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HELP WITH MT. WILL TRAIL

To the Editor:

As you may have read in the Bethel Citizen a few weeks ago, volunteer crews have been working on improving the trail system on Mt. Will. The crews have created a major re-route for a gentler approach around the steepest ledges, as well as retiring some of the most eroded parts of the trail. The work is not yet complete, however, and we'd love to finish it before snowshoeing season. You're invited to help complete the job this Saturday, Aug. 31. Mike Cooper, trail designer and builder with Caribou Recreation, will lead a short trail-building workshop before we go to work on the trail section from the parking lot to the North Ledges. Iz Yankura, crew leader of the crew that did most of the work on the trail this summer, will be on hand as well. The goal is to finish and open the last major new section by the end of the day.

Please join us in the Mt. Will parking lot (across from the transfer station on Route 2) at 8:30 a.m. this Saturday. We expect the work to take until about 2 p.m. Bring loppers if you have them, lunch and water. Other tools will be provided.

The trail is on property owned by the Town of Bethel and several generous private landowners. We are lucky to live in a town that has such resources so close by, allowing us to get out and enjoy the beauty of our backyard. We estimate that, based on informal car counts, the trail sees more than 500 users each year. This project is a collaboration among the Town of Bethel, Mahoosuc Pathways, the Bethel Conservation Commission, and the Bryant Pond 4H Camp and Learning Center.

An Outward Bound crew put in a day of trail work as well. It is amazing how much work can get done in a relatively short amount of time when so many people chip in, so thanks to those who have helped us come this far.

Another opportunity to get out on the trail is at the end of the month when we plan to have a grand opening of the reconditioned trail on Friday evening, Sept. 27, as part of Great Maine Outdoor Weekend (greatmaineoutdoorweekend.org), an effort to get as many Mainers outside as possible doing a wide variety of free activities. Western Maine is the focus of this particular weekend so many local organizations are planning special events. We hope you'll take part with your favorite group or maybe try something new.

Jessie Perkins,
Bethel Conservation Commission and Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce
Landon Fiske,
Bethel Conservation Commission and Mahoosuc Pathways

FOREST LODGE TOURS

To the Editor:

There has been much publicity lately about Forest Lodge, the former home of writer Louise Dickenson Rich, on Rapid River in Upton. Anyone interested in visiting the lodge to see the places described in "We Took to the Woods" and others of Rich's books may be interested to know that two tours of the area will take place in the next two weeks.

On Saturday, Aug. 31, Don Palmer, director of Oquossoc Sporting Heritage Museum, will lead trips by boat to Middle Dam from both South Arm and from Mill Brook with transportation to Forest Lodge. The following Saturday, Sept. 7, Upton Historical Society will conduct a trip by van from school house on Mill Road to Forest Lodge. Both tours require reservations and are being conducted as fundraisers for the respective nonprofit organizations.

To register for the Aug. 31 trip contact Don or Stephanie Palmer at the museum at 207-864-5647. The cost is \$75 per person including lunch. For the Sept. 7 trip contact Charlotte Dominique in Upton at 207-533-2061. The cost is \$65 per person and also includes lunch.

Steve Wight, Friends of Forest Lodge
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ALBANY IMPROVEMENT THANKS

To the Editor:

I'd like to thank everyone who made last week's events at the Albany Town Hall such a big success. At the "Vintage Clothing Luncheon and Talk," led by Norma Salway, more than forty avid participants enjoyed the wide variety of retro outfits Norma had on display and the luncheon organized by Buzzy Lapham. Those who donated their time and/or buffet items included Joan Kimball, Shelley Douglass, Brianna Douglass, Michaela Casey, Betty Gingras, Gretchen Fall, Margaret Barton, Yvonne Jellison, Sally Sawyer, Linda Champagne, Jim Mitchell, Laurie Reynolds and Ellen Marshall.

The "Albany Town Hall Music Revival," the brainchild of Brad Hooper, also drew an enthusiastic audience and considerable community support. Brad kicked-off the show, followed by The Milltown Road Show, Trailer Trash, and Donny Katlin and Jewel Clark. The volunteers who helped make the event possible were: Sally Sawyer, Jim Mitchell, Linda Champagne, Michaela Casey, Buzzy Lapham, and the Bethel Masonic Lodge.

Finally, thanks to Milltown Road Show lead singer Terry Swett and his wife Sandy, owners of Swett Signs of South Paris, for offering to donate a new sign for the Town House.

Bob O'Brien
Albany Improvement Association president

Celladore

'How do you live on so little money?'

B.B. is not as fortunate as I. There are not many hand-me-downs that fit an over-six-footer. Business suits are not comfortable for active work. He scorns a patch, does not mind rips and holes, so he presents extremes in his appearance. Most of the time he is clad in rags, occasionally in impeccably tailored outfits. He helps me with my sewing projects, is a clever man with a pin for fitting places that I can't reach myself or for hanging a skirt. Not often do I do any sewing for him, but when I do it is always a trying occasion.

He studied the catalogs one fall. After a week, to my great surprise, he asked me if I thought that I could make a work jacket.

Most of the ones for sale were made of synthetics. To be sure they were lightweight, good windbreakers, somewhat warm. But all country people know that nothing takes the place of wool; even when water-soaked, it still provides warmth. I, having once made him a jacket years ago, was not too anxious, but agreed that if he had one that suited him, that was worn-out enough so that I would cut it up for a pattern, I would be happy to duplicate it, but he must choose the fabric himself.

He agreed, went to the alleyway that separates the shed from the barn. Here hung an assortment of garments, all of them "gone by," as we say in the locale, but useful for very dirty work. He tried on all of them; not one was exactly what he wanted. I did nothing.

A few days later he had another idea. He had four or five dress topcoats, had little use for even one. He appeared in a loose gray cashmere with raglan sleeves, stooped, twisted about, waved his arms. This was cut with enough ease so that it would be comfortable for a work jacket if I could cut off the bottom. This I could and did do at once, to even his satisfaction.

Then I had an idea; why not use the cut-off bottom pieces to make a hood. I went about looking over all the hoods on old garments, made a newspaper pattern. It was surprising how little actual cloth there was to work with. I basted my creation together, then waited for a chance to try it on B.B. before stitching it and attaching it to the jacket. The day came. I stood on a chair to be able to reach and pin properly any changes needed. B.B. looked in the mirror; he did not like it. In truth, neither did I.

The only thing to do was to design a hood from what pieces of cloth were available, fit and pin it on his head. He stood patiently a few minutes, then began to fidget. "Don't move," said I. "It is hard enough for me to work up here next to the ceiling in the heat without you wiggling." "If you're hot, what do you think of me? I'm just as near the ceiling as you and my head is all swabbed up in a mess of wool cloth and pins." "Stand Still!" demanded I again. "I am." "You are not."

"It is obvious to me that you don't know what I want, and that you don't know how to make a hood anyway." "Child to child," said I, climbing down from the chair; "Take the jacket off; we'll forget the hood."

B.B. wore the jacket, liked it much. Colder days came. Meanwhile I had been experimenting with pieces cut from old sheets. One morning after breakfast before the house had really warmed up, I suggested that I would like to try once more to make a hood, that this time I actually would cut the hood to fit the cloth. B.B. agreed to give me ten minutes.

I pinned, I basted, and it worked. In fact, it came out so well that I even made a green tassel to ornament the tip. The winter work jacket problem was solved forever. So we thought but alas, his other topcoats had set-in sleeves, much too binding for active work. Now I am on the lookout at rummage sales for an extra large dress coat with raglan sleeves.

Our

Back

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By Danna Brown Nickerson

10 years ago: About 60 voters attending a special town meeting at Gilford approved the purchase of a 2004 pumper/tanker fire truck, at a cost of \$210,000. The East Andover Community Club celebrated its 65th anniversary with a luncheon at The Balsams.

Births: Ryan Daniel Crockett, Emma Viktoria Campbell.

Deaths: Blandine Falkenham, Barbara A. Merrill, Arthur E. Abbott, Muriel Lowe Raymond.

20 years ago: Firemen from seven area towns battled a fire at the Four Seasons Inn on Main Street, and, despite torrid conditions were able to save the building.

New staff at SAD 44 included A. James Fiske, Lynne Moreshead, Ronald Jenkins, Constance Crandall, Kenneth A. Nye, and Robert Francis.

Births: Rachel Sadie Saunders, Louisa Marion Stancioff.

Death: Oswald T. Rozelle.

30 years ago: Old Home Sunday was observed at the West Bethel Union Church. Former pastors attending were Rev. David Samuelson and Beatrice Burris.

Andover Senior Citizens enjoyed a picnic on the Andover Common.

Birth: Meghan Donovan.

Death: Raeburn B. Hathaway.

40 years ago: Alan Chapman of Bethel was awarded the Grand Championship Trophy for 1973, at the New Hampshire State Lumberjack Championships held at the Plymouth State Fair.

A light frost had nipped some of the gardens in West Greenwood.

Birth: Christopher Leonard Curtis.

Deaths: Stanley M. Wheeler, Stephen A. Marston.

50 years ago: Bethel Teen Council had a cook-out and meeting at Littlefield's Beach.

Stephen C. Danforth replaced Charles P. Taylor as teacher of French at Gould Academy.

The Bethel tax rate for 1963 was set at 41 mills.

Deaths: Veino Ruokalainen, Rhonda Lee Robbins, Hartley E. Ward.

60 years ago: The fifth annual Bethel Bazaar netted \$750 which went to support Crescent Park School Grounds Improvement and Bethel's July 4th celebration.

New teachers at Gould Academy were Miss Nita Hale, French and Miss Phyllis J. Dragonas, Spanish and Social Studies.

Birth: Joan Lever.

Death: Mrs. Samantha Jodrey.

70 years ago: Robert Scott joined the teaching staff at Gould Academy.

Roenelle Cummings of Albany was badly injured when kicked in the head by a horse.

Death: Lawrence B. Holt.

80 years ago: By an appointment made by the Governor and Council, Oxford County received \$62,855 for roads.

The farm buildings occupied by Ernest Buck and family in Middle Intervale were destroyed by fire. Stock was saved from the barn.

Deaths: Wesley Adams, Mrs. Clare H. Harvey, Joseph Buzzell.

90 years ago: Gould Academy classes of '17 and '18 met in reunion at Silver Lake, Roxbury.

Many auto tenters were reported in Grafton Plantation.

Death: Mrs. Mary F. Clark.

100 years ago: Prof. W. S. Wight presented a musical concert.

Charles H. Davis was awarded the contract for carrying the mail from Bethel to Upton. The route from Upton to Errol was discontinued

RAIL

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Canadian Province of Québec is conducting an assessment of operating a passenger rail service between Montreal and Boston, Mass., referred to as "the Night Train" or "Hotel Train." The concept is based on a service departing Montréal at dinner-time. The train will consist of a locomotive, multiple dining cars, lounge car(s), a coach and up to nine (9) sleeper cars. The operation will be at night and, based on current track conditions, will travel at allowable speeds perhaps not to exceed that of freight train operations on the route. By traveling at night, passengers will not be impacted by the longer travel times as they dine, lounge and sleep on the way.

The train is expected to arrive at the Portland Transportation Center in time for connection to the early morning Amtrak Downeaster service to Boston. Upon arrival in Boston, travelers, be they for business or tourism will have a fresh morning start to their day. That evening the train will return north to Montréal, switching

again from the Downeaster in Portland and arrival in Montréal the beginning of the next day.

The train is expected to make one stop in Bethel and possibly one in Sherbrooke, Canada (Quebec). Passengers coming from Montréal will be able to depart at Bethel and Portland as well as the Amtrak Downeaster stations along the route. Passengers from Maine will have opportunities to board at the Downeaster stops, and in Bethel for service to Montréal. Evaluations of the service proposal are underway. Plans are for an inaugural trip in June 2014.

The Golden Eagle Railway

Golden Eagle Railway Corporation's planned regional passenger rail service is gaining momentum. Presentations to members of this committee and town/city officials from Auburn to Berlin, N.H. have brought a groundswell of political and popular support including written endorsements. A meeting with Portland officials on the introduction of Portland

Auburn/Lewiston commuter rail service was also encouraging for the future.

A revamped version of our planned re-introduction of the Montreal - Portland/Boston luxury service tentatively named L'Acadienne' is well into the planning stage. The cars for this and the regional trains will be updated at our shops and other rail facilities. Negotiations for passenger rail operating rights are underway. Golden Eagle routes and stops are subject to negotiations and will be released once an agreement has been signed with the host railroads.

Maine-Owned St. Lawrence & Atlantic Railroad to Auburn

Based on the MDOT Portland North Alternate Modes Project study (August 2011) the Maine Rail Transit Coalition issued a report in March 2013 that initiated a Legislative Resolution directing the MDOT to seek funding for final engineering and environmental work for the reconstruction of the Maine owned railway

between Portland, Maine at the Ocean Gateway facility to as far as the Auburn Municipal Airport. The proposal adopts the MDOT study reports for operating modern Diesel Multiple Unit (DMU) passenger rail cars on the rail line with eventual connections to Oxford and Coos Counties.

In addition to the MDOT directed resolution, the legislature directed MDOT to initiate a study group to evaluate all rail lines in the state for their potential for expansion of passenger rail. Both the funding study and legislative rail plan are expected to be completed by the end of the current legislative session.

Service Development Plan Northern New England Passenger Rail Authority

NNEPRA, Maine's rail authority, funded a service development plan in 2011 for expansion of Amtrak service to this region and eventually Montréal. For more information and background on the rail effort, see this story at www.bethelcitizen.com

STUDY

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lectmen.

At last week's selectmen's meeting WCC member Jim Chandler said the conclusion was that neither fund was appropriate. That prompted a discussion by selectmen.

But, she said, "it's not written into the deed that it will be forever protected."

Chandler said he believes purchase or an easement would be appropriate.

Jane Chandler, also a WCC member, noted the good relationship with the Giuntas

and expressed her appreciation for their pledge not to sell their land.

But, she said, "it's not written into the deed that it will be forever protected."

Landowner concerns

Picking up on her point, Town Manager Vern Maxfield said, "I've heard, that being the case, that we shouldn't be putting town money into land we don't own."

Jim Chandler pointed out that the town already spends money on the spring, in the form of water quality testing and minor maintenance of the pipes.

Selectman Steve Bies worried about the reaction of other surrounding landowners to a study.

"By trying to make a public issue on a private piece of land, are we necessarily rubbing someone the wrong way?" he asked. "It would be to the town's benefit to get an easement, but I don't feel it should be our goal to get that somebody else's decision entirely."

Chandler said the fund had its origins in concerns about visual impacts on state land from the wind project, and would be "for mitigating for that kind of an impact - for easements or purchases."

The spring study, he said, "is getting information about a resource."

As for the focus of the study, Chandler said "the scope of the survey is not just that little piece of land. That land, for the near future, is protected. By calling that a public water source, there are some limits within 300 feet of the wellhead. Our concern is beyond 300 feet. Where does this water come from, and what are the land uses that could negatively impact it? What steps need to be taken to ensure the water quality that we've enjoyed for so many years?"

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Doar said the airport is also looking to add \$39,840 to bring all electrical components into the terminal.

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That's what really matters is the relationship with the Giuntas. It matters more than that there's no easement. That's what really needs to be preserved."

The WCC members reiterated the importance of the relationship with the Giuntas.

Jim Chandler also said a study would likely not be invasive of the surrounding land, and would look "at the lay of the land and how underground water sources function, and what could potentially affect the source."

Polak said he could find out if a hydrologist would need to go onto property to do the study. If that were the case, he said, it would only happen with landowner permission.

Deegan then suggested that before proceeding with a study, the board and WCC meet with landowners in the area surrounding the spring, in order to explain the study and get their feedback.

Maxfield was tasked with identifying property owners to include.

SEWER

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"There's nothing ever good about the sewer budget any more," said Doar. "We raised the rates by 5 percent two years ago and we're still looking at deficits."

The system underwent an expansion in the 1990s in anticipation of a Bethel Station project that didn't materialize, leaving users to fund the larger system.

There are 537 users in Bethel, and the proposed FY'14 budget is \$1,723,965. Projected revenues are \$1,706,276 (including grant funds for projects), leaving a gap of \$17,699.

The difference can be made up through the interfund balance (undesignated surplus).

But that can't go on forever, Doar said.

Add to that a raise request from Gundersen of 7.5 percent (to bring his and another employee's pay up to the range of other comparable area treatment plants) and a \$276,000

project proposed for FY'15 to replace the Bridge Street main.

The Bridge Street project, said Doar, could double the current sewer rate. The typical operating budget for the department is around \$400,000, he said.

Gundersen had some ideas to find more revenue.

The town is allowed to charge its user fees per dwelling unit, but some older multi-apartment buildings in town are still charged as a single unit, he said.

He estimated at least 20 such buildings, which together could generate about \$10,000 more.

"The newer buildings are being charged now," he said.

Another option would be to lower the number of cubic feet of water needed to trigger an additional charge.

Currently users pay \$121.35 per quarter for us-

age of 0 to 1,500 cubic feet. If more water is used the charge is \$8.09 per 100 cubic feet.

Gundersen said there are more than 340 users "way below the minimum," and even if the 1,500 cubic feet were dropped to 1,200, "people on fixed income and not using much water won't see an increase."

There would still be 300 users below 1,200, he said. The drop would increase revenue by about \$5,000.

Lowering the threshold to 1,000 cubic feet could generate \$10,000 to \$15,000 more in revenue, he said.

The charge for more than 1,000 cubic feet would be about \$12/100 cubic feet, he said.

Doar added that currently single-person homes are getting billed "for much more consumption than they use, and they're subsidizing four-person families."

He also acknowledged that to date "we've shifted

a lot of the burden to second home owners."

Highest users include motels and hotels, he said.

The selectmen decided to table a decision on the budget until their next meeting to study it further and to allow Gundersen to gather more information on the potential for additional dwelling units to bring into the fold.

In other business last week, selectmen awarded a bid to construct a new terminal building and do other improvements at the Bethel Airport to Glen Builders of Conway, N.H.

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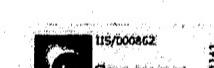
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Andover voters raise their cards to vote on an amendment to add \$4,000 to an article on replacing a gas tank at the Town Garage, in order to add a tracking mechanism for gasoline use.

(A. Aloisio)

GAS

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short memories in this room. It wasn't more than five years ago when the Budget Committee came across \$8,000 or \$9,000 in C.N. Brown invoices for gasoline in a town that has gasoline lawnmowers. We have diesel highway trucks and fire trucks, and we're going through eight or nine thousand dollars worth of gasoline."

He said the monitoring system would "ensure the taxpayers that their money is going to be looked out for. I don't think it's a big burden for someone to push two or three buttons to get their gas."

Meisner reacted strongly.

"Where the gas went I don't know. This makes

me think that someone's insinuating that I'm dishonest and I take offense to that. As far as I know there's nobody dishonest in the Highway Department or Transfer Station."

Rick Mills favored monitoring.

"This town is crazy if they don't know where every ounce of their gas is going," he said.

Fire Chief Rob Dixon said if the system were to be implemented, it should also include the diesel tank.

But Scott said there has never been a concern about the use of diesel fuel.

Merrow said only three identification numbers would likely be needed to track gas use.

The amendment was approved by a 46-26 vote, and voters went on to easily approve the main motion.

Fire truck

Voters then spent about 10 minutes discussing the fire truck proposal, which AFD Assistant Chief Ken Dixon got on the warrant by circulating a petition.

The proposal was to buy a 1995 ladder truck for \$100,000 to replace the town's 1975 one.

A similar article was defeated at the March annual town meeting, but Dixon said last week he didn't think the idea had been given "due consideration."

"I feel strongly it's an opportunity not to be neglected," he said.

But as in March, several

voters said that with the town's current process to potentially withdraw from SAD 44 and run its own school system, there is too much financial uncertainty to make such a large purchase now.

The article was overwhelmingly defeated.

Several announcements were also made at the meeting:

At 6 p.m. Sept. 4 an Open House will take place at the Andover Elementary School to meet the new teaching principal;

Members are being sought for a cemetery committee;

The Comprehensive Plan Committee will hold its first meeting in September.

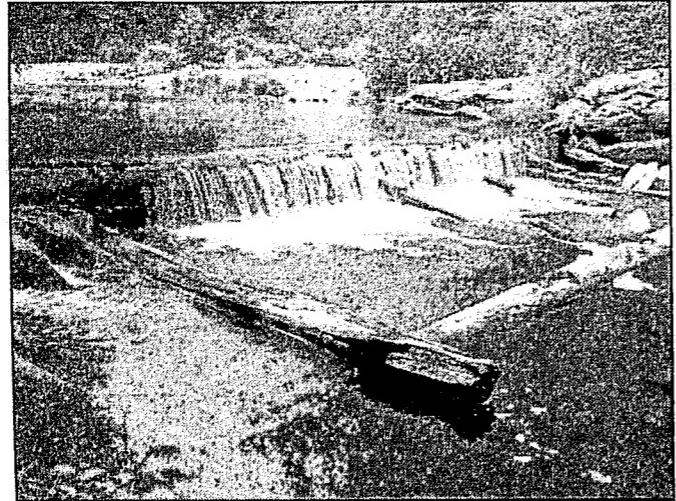
Sunday River dam will be dismantled

BY JEFF STERN

A remnant log driving dam on the main-stem of the Sunday River that blocks brook trout movement upriver to a network of headwater streams is scheduled to be dismantled Sept. 5-6.

This removal project is a collaborative effort between the Androscoggin River Watershed Council (ARWC), Maine Department of Inland Fisheries & Wildlife, and SHARE. It is funded by a grant from the Eastern Brook Trout Joint Venture, which is a private-public partnership dedicated to improving and enhancing brook trout habitat throughout the eastern United States. The grant is administered by the Androscoggin Valley Soil & Water Conservation District in Lewiston.

Long ago, log driving dams were built on many rivers and tribu-



tary streams in western Maine to flush logs down from the mountains. Over time, most of these dams have deteriorated to the point they no longer impede fish passage. Others washed away completely. But the base structure of this old log driving dam on the Sunday River has remained remarkably intact. It creates a three to four foot drop that spans

the width of the river. Depending on water level, it can block brook trout movement.

The site was identified as a priority for removal during a 2011 barrier assessment in the Sunday River and Bear River Watersheds that was conducted by ARWC. The assessment looked at barriers to fish movement such as crushed and

hanging ("perched") culverts, dams, road crossings and bridges. This site stood out because it blocks access for trout to an estimated four miles of the Sunday River's headwater streams, as well as to the mainstem of the Sunday River above Riley Township. All of these waters have the potential to provide excellent brook trout habitat. As the impacts of global warming worsen, access to cooler waters in high elevation streams will provide important refuge from hot summer weather for brook trout.

Project partners plan to use a grip hoist Sept. 5-6 to dismantle the dam, weather permitting. The dam is on the Mahoosuc Unit Public Reserve, which is managed by the Maine Bureau of Parks and Lands.

The North Pond boat landing on Route 26 in Woodstock, near the Greenwood town line.

(A. Aloisio)

The Way I See It

By Sharon Bouchard



I was listening to the radio on my way to work the other morning as I usually do. The morning show deejays are a man and a woman who, as well as playing music, carry on about some really insipid issues.

I rarely pay attention, but this particular morning's subject caught my ear. They were talking about landline telephones and the people who had them were dinosaurs. I was so offended to hear such a statement that I darted near the road.

The insipid deejays' contention was that everyone under the age of 60 had cell phones and only old people would cling to their antique landline telephones. This was said in such a way as to make one feel that anyone over 60 is a feeble minded dinosaur.

I guess that would be me because I am over 60 and I do have a landline telephone. I do not have a cellphone. Well, actually I do have a Tracfone, but I don't know where it is and the minutes I put on it have long ago expired.

The thing about my antique landline telephone is that I never have to recharge it and unless someone is calling me from a cellphone I never experience dropped calls or bad reception.

My telephone bill is the same low monthly charge every month unless I make some long distance calls. I've probably made no more than ten long dis-

tance calls in the past year and my charge is a mere 5 cents a minute. I did not have to sign a contract.

By comparison, every-

one I know with cell-

phones pays more than

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I've heard some real hor-

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OCSD Patrol Log

Tuesday, Aug. 20

At 7:28 p.m. a Vermont motorist reported a tractor trailer operating erratically on Route 2 in Bethel. Cpl. George Cayer was assigned.

Wednesday, Aug. 21

At 8:23 a.m. Capt. Chris Wainwright conducted a concealed weapons permit background check on Mechanic Street in Bethel.

At 1:04 p.m. a caller reported a vehicle operating erratically north on Route 26 into Bethel. Deputy Mike Halacy located and stopped it. The driver was not impaired.

At 2:33 p.m. a caller reported a tractor trailer driving aggressively on Route 2 in Hanover, headed toward Bethel. Deputy Mike Halacy was on Route 2 but did not meet the truck.

At 8:51 p.m. Deputy Peter Casey responded to Andover to assist the Warden Service with an ATV failing to stop on Main Street. The suspect fled. Charges were pending.

Thursday, Aug. 22

At 1:33 p.m. Deputy Mike Dailey responded to the Annis Road in Bethel for a report of a missing firearm.

At 2:40 p.m. a report was received of a tractor trailer driving erratically on Route 2 in Bethel. Deputy Mike Dailey followed one such truck with no poor operation observed.

Friday, Aug. 23

At 5:48 p.m. a report was received of subjects firing rifles on the power lines of Concord Pond Road in Woodstock. Deputies Peter Casey and Nathan Bowie were assigned.

At 7:58 p.m. Deputy Peter Casey investigated a motor vehicle complaint on Vernon Street in Bethel. The suspected impaired driver was located, checked and released, with no criminal conduct observed.

Saturday, Aug. 24

At 10:48 a.m. a report was received of the theft of a generator from a new home under construction in Greenwood. Deputy Sullivan Rizzo was assigned.

At 12:29 a.m. a report was received of cows in the road on the Intervale Road in Bethel. Deputy Peter Casey was assigned.

Sunday, Aug. 25

At 1:21 a.m. Deputy Willie Nelson investigated a disturbance on Railroad Street in Bethel.

At 12:22 p.m. a caller in Bethel reported being assaulted the night before. Deputy Dani Welch was unable to make contact but passed the information to another deputy who had previously dealt with the complaint.

Monday, Aug. 26

At 7:58 a.m. and 8:11 a.m. Capt. Chris Wainwright conducted concealed weapon background checks on Vernon Street in Bethel.



A bridge on the Old West Bethel Road in Albany is in poor condition and has been temporarily closed for the past few weeks, following an inspection by Oxford County Administrator Scott Cole and a representative from Maine Department of Transportation. This "lower" or southerly bridge (of the two on this piece of road) will remain closed while the pros and cons of repair versus permanent closure are weighed, Cole said Monday. "It is likely that the bridge will continue to be closed through winter and into 2014," he said. "Regardless of what happens to this bridge, the paved portion of road north of this bridge, which is in rough shape, will be improved. All access to residences on Old West Bethel Road will be via Route 5 and Patte Brook Road until further notice."

(A. Aloisio)

Bethel

By DONALD G. BENNETT

**Sewer Budget**

At Wednesday's selectmen's meeting, the outlook for major capital expenses to be incurred next year covered replacing the Chapman Street main, 1,286 feet; replacing the Vernon Street pump station and main; replacing the Mill Hill pump station and constructing a new dewatering system and garage at the waste water treatment plant. The estimated expense for these major projects comes to \$1,228,000. As shown on the prepared revenue and expenditure report the coming fiscal year would be short of revenues by \$17,689. That is not the end of the story but discussion centered on adjusting minimum rates

by volume and employee compensation.

The board wanted to extend the discussion to another meeting so that other options could be prepared for consideration. Rate payers now face a significant rate increase because in simple terms there is more system to pay for than there are customers to pay. But that is another story from 15 years ago.

The Sign Makers

Also at Wednesday night's meeting of selectmen a bid from Swan Screen Printing of Bethel allied with Ryan Mechanical Services of Rumford for making town directional signs for placement either on the highway (large) or in the village (smaller) was accepted. The other bidder was Neokraft Signs Inc. of Lewiston. Since the sign dimensions, content and construction were specified by the town the only variable for consider-

ation was price. Selectmen voted to accept the Swan/Ryan combination.

The sign format consists of a header with logo and one, two or three slats. The Swan/Ryan bid for a highway sign made up of a header (with a new Bethel logo) and three slats was \$6,305.50 and Neokraft's bid for the same sign was \$8,525. Final appearance and location of these signs will be a wait and see affair. Each slat or panel can have one or two lines of information, plus a universal graphic depicting the owner's function, food, lodging, etc., and distance from the sign to the site.

Poles holding these sign arrangements will be 11 feet 8 inches above the ground. To see illustrations of these signs look at the Bethel Web site and click on Roadside Directional Sign Graphics. This

Web page has been available since April 2013; however, when voters at the annual town meeting voted to approve the sign ordinance changes these pages showing sign illustrations were not part of the package.

So I wonder if voters will feel that they voted for something not fully explained. Sign pictures are part of the Bethel Journals news for this week.

Senior Players

Ross Timberlake and Lorrie Hoeh, two veteran Senior College Players, will lead the Players this fall. Ross, as director, and Lorrie, assistant director, along with an enthusiastic team of veteran Players are excited about continuing the Players and moving in new directions. Both Ross and Lorrie have performed in a variety of plays over the past six years. Ross majored

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in theater at USM and has written, produced, and directed a number of plays including his popular "Porch Plays," and the "Legend of Lefty." Lorrie's interest in drama and past experience led her to an interest in directing. Veterans and newcomers alike are invited to join the troupe. Rehearsals start Sept. 16. FMI call Ross at 824-6545 or Lorrie at 824-2917. From Rosabelle Tiffet.

At the Airport

Thursday Ashton and I went to the airport to take photos of the soon to be removed terminal building inside and out. Bethel has received a grant of \$600,000 to construct a new terminal building, applying non-precision pavement markings, enhanced taxiway centerline markings and surface painted holding position markings at the Bethel Regional Airport. Glen Builders of New Hampshire will do the terminal construction.

Due to Col. Sydney Dyke's initiative Bethel Airport became part of the National Airport Plan in 1965. In 1967, the year after Col. Dyke died in a plane crash, the town named the airport for him. From 1968 to 1975, Richard Davis and then Robert Lowe managed the airport. In 1975 town manager Elwyn Dickey became airport manager. In 1988 when the old runway known as 12-30 was closed and the new (present) runway 14-32 opened, the terminal building was not moved to its present location. In 1995 when Dan Bilodeau and Steve Whitney were the Fixed Base Operators the "terminal" was still near the old runway. In November 1995 the Bethel Airport Authority was created by a referendum vote.

On Aug. 23, 2011, there were 12 aircraft based at Bethel Airport, nine were single engine and one was a multi engine craft; there were two Ultralights based at the airport. In the last two years, the airport authority has reported about 2,000 arrivals and departures annually. Talking with one of the plane own-



Twenty-six solar electric panels were installed last week on the south-facing roof of the Mill Hill Inn in Bethel by ReVision Energy. According to information provided by the company, the panels will produce about 8,500 kilowatt hours of energy annually, offsetting 11,144 pounds of carbon dioxide emissions. "I've always been aware of the orientation (elevated and southern facing) of this building and since day one I intended to go solar, that roof should be a solar factory," said inn owner Woody Hughes. "It feels good to be a 'producer' - sunny days take on a new meaning, with greater value. I want to have a very efficient building and this goes hand in hand with all the decisions I've made to date: new windows last year, blown in insulation this year and next, tankless hot water heaters, now solar panels that will reduce my conventional use by 40 percent. Doing something that is within my reach."

(Woody Hughes)

ers last week he remarked about the airport's popularity due to low airplane fuel prices. He noted that the good gas price brings in more planes to refuel which in turn gives the airport authority better numbers when they apply for FAA grants.

The new terminal building may be completed before we leave for Florida in late November.

For more about Bethel aviation and the airport, go to the Bethel Journals index - Bethel Aviation and Airports.

Trapper's Weekend
Last weekend's beautiful weather must have boosted the spirits of the many families and groups who make Neil Olson's Trappers Weekend an annual must visit. Ashton went

with me and after he had taken in the layout and seen what was going on, he had the bright idea of getting a small bottle of skunk scent as a joke gift for a special friend of his. It seems like most of the trapping goods vendors handling wild animal scents group the tents together because they were easy to find just from the area's aroma.

We ended up making the deal at a large layout from Orwigsburg, Pa. - a Raw Fur Buyer. The owner had a choice of a \$20 bottle or a \$5 one. Ashton thought that was great and bought the \$5 bottle.

Steve Stone from Bethel had his chainsaw carving and rustic furniture spread in the usual spot. Steve was also driving a tour tractor and trailer with visitors sitting on bales of hay as they traveled over the rutted road-

ways in the large field parking area.

As always these weekends seem to be very social affairs for the many groups and vendors who attend.

Inside the fairgrounds there was a large billboard size frame with vinyl posters from Oxford Casino, Cabela's, and Trapper's Post, "The Pulse of North America's Trapping Industry" published by Bob Noonan, and the largest sign of all, Olson's Furs - Tents - Baseball.

A slide show of photos with interesting characters and setups will be on YouTube after Aug. 27, look for Trappers Weekend 2013.

Stan Howe's Retirement Party, Sunday afternoon off Broad Street, under a large tent, and accompanied by fine weather, an appreciative crowd of about 60

people heard many accolades expressed for Stan Howe's 39 years as Executive Director of the Bethel Historical Society. While he received political best wishes from various elected officials, the real guest of honor who could speak with long time authority of Stan's career was Earle G. Shettleworth, Jr., Maine State Historian. Mr. Shettleworth has provided guidance and professional advice to Stan and the Bethel Historical Society since Stan became museum director in 1974.

Mr. Shettleworth spoke at length of Stan's work both here and throughout Maine. Nancy Stowell White, newly elected president of the society, gave a brief account of Stan's long, broad involvement in Maine and local history. Cathy Newell, also one of the afternoon's speakers, was one of only a very few in the audience who was involved with the historical society at the time

of Stan's accepting (after a little gentle arm twisting) the offer to be its first director. At that time the late Margaret Tibbets was the society president.

Bethel

By NANCY BROWN

Late Sunday afternoon my mother and I took a road trip along Route 113 through the Evans

Notch section of the White Mountain National Forest. The narrow road begins in Gilead and follows the Wild River past dozens of hiking trails. In August 2011 tropical storm Irene resulted in large blow downs, damaged trails, and the destruction of the suspension bridge near the Hastings Campground. We were excited to see that crews are working on the construction of a new bridge on the site of the old suspension bridge. Although the trees in the forest are still dark green, we did see a few red-leaved maples in low-lying wet areas along Route 2.

This time of year we usually see hundreds of orange-and-black monarch butterflies emerging from their chrysalises, and then flying off to join millions of other monarchs in their migration to Mexico.

Conservation groups and the World Wildlife Fund have reported that the monarch population is slowly decreasing due to destruction of the monarch's habitat by over-logging in Mexico, climate changes, and destruction of milkweed by herbicides.

In the past few weeks, two teachers have asked me to help find caterpillars for classroom projects. Many of us probably remember these projects where we watched caterpillars munch on milkweed, then create a chrysalis, and later emerge as a butterfly. I've searched the milkweed plants in my backyard, along roadways and railroad tracks, and in old mill yards and found no eggs or caterpillars yet this year. Wildlife experts don't think the monarch will totally disappear, but we can help rebuild the population by protecting its habitat. In this area that means protecting the milkweed from herbicides and cutting. Milkweed is

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Bryant Pond

By ALICE HOYT

 Franklin Grange 124 met on Monday evening for Past and Present Lecturers Night. Seven lecturers were present. Program was Opening thought - Bertha Dehass; Opening song - Side by Side; Quiz - "How well to you know Maine;" Song - I'm Looking over a Four Leaf Clover; Closing thought and closing song. Happy Birthday was sung to Bertha and Laura. Next meeting is Sept. 2 for Installation starting with a 6 p.m. supper.

The Woodstock Senior Citizens meet on Thursday, Sept. 5 at the Masonic Hall. Dinner put on by the Star Birthday Club. Program by Hugh (Cubby) Swan. Meeting starts at 11:30. New members are always welcome. Meal \$7, dues \$2.

The program for September at the Whitman Memorial Library will be Thursday, Sept. 12 at 2 p.m. until 3. Lissa Merrill, the director of physical therapy at Stephens Memorial Hospital will be guest speaker. Lissa will be presenting information on how to keep your balance and what the local community offers for programs. She will talk about a program well-known nationally, "Batter of balance," as well as a program offered at no charge called "Staying on your feet." The local hospital offers a variety of programs for the public and one is for exercising called "Staying fit." Lissa's program is aimed at those 60 or older, but all are welcome. There is no charge and light refreshments will be served.

Services at the Baptist Church are Sunday School at 9:15, Morning Worship at 10:30, Evening Service at 6 p.m. Wednesday evening at 6:30 is Mid-Week Service.

Ken and I were dinner guests of Steve and Beth

Hoover on Sunday. Also present were Marybeth Hoover, TJ Ray and Bob Hoyt.

Gilead

By LIN CHAPMAN

I think I liked the "good old days" when school began the day after Labor Day. It just seemed like a good way to say summer is over and time to go back to school.

My brother, Steve McLain, attended the retirement and birthday celebration for Stan Howe this past Sunday. He said that he ran into several people to chat with while he was there. Hugh and I were unable to attend since we were headed for a graduation in Vermont.

News from the Bog Road - Celia Broomhall just received a promotion at work. She is now the Assistant Director of Nursing at Norway Center for Health and Rehabilitation. Congratulations, Celia!

Hugh and I traveled to St. Johnsbury, Vt. last Sunday to attend the Springfield College School of Human Services Graduation Ceremony. Michele Croteau received her Master's Degree in Mental Health Counseling. She has worked very hard and everyone is very proud of her. Also attending besides Tim (of course) were the grandchildren, William Chapman, Annie Chapman, Ajay Landry and Sidney Chapman. Michele's parents Leo and Ann Croteau were also there as part of the celebration.

The Gilead Historical Society will be having a yard sale over Labor Day weekend (Aug. 31 to Sept. 1). If the weather is good, the sale will be on the corner lot. If it is raining, the sale will move inside the town hall. This will be on Saturday, Sunday and Monday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

I was talking to Pauline Applin and she gave me some information about the upcoming flea market at the grange in West Bethel. The Pleasant Valley Grange is having an



School in SAD 44 got underway Wednesday, and students at the Crescent Park Elementary School arrived by bus, car and on foot. Shown here are fourth-graders Nicole Cox and Emma Albert. For more photos go to www.bethelcitizen.com

(A. Aloisio)

"end of the season" flea market over Labor Day weekend. The hall will be open on Aug. 30 and 31 as well as September 1 and 2 from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m., all four days. They have lots of glass and ceramics, small appliances, fabric and sewing notions, toys, holiday decorations, books and vinyl records, furniture, kitchen and camp utensils, and the always interesting odds and ends!

We decided that when someone stops at the GHS sale, we will mention their sale and they will do the same for the GHS.

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was that I brought a jar of homemade maple syrup!

Our conversations were filled with friendly joshes and jabs about every little "screw-up" or setback or method of doing something. It seemed like I got more than my share of "put-downs" because of my Air Force experience as a navigator! I finally got some respect on our final afternoon at camp when I pointed out an Air Force tanker aircraft refueling a large transport airplane, either a C-17 or a C-5, hard to tell which due to their high altitude as they flew over.

Last Sunday, Pastor John Williams gave an unusual presentation to the young people before they went downstairs to Sunday School. It was a story where he compared Christians to Halloween pumpkins! He began by telling how you take a pumpkin from the garden, wash off all the dirt, and then clean out all the "yucky stuff" inside; then you discard all the yucky stuff and make a beautiful new jack-o'-lantern with a smiley face and a whole new outlook. Then he said God does the same thing with Christians; he helps them discard all their old yucky habits, and replace them with new positive ones.

Waterford



By ROCKIE GRAHAM

The weeks go on. It's hard to believe that school starts Aug. 28 and 29, depending on the grade and the school. I am glad we have no young ones in school and that we are not taking classes this year. I am planning on taking a

Fiction

Americanah, by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie; Blood and Beauty, by Sarah Dunant; A Chain of Thunder, by Jeff Shaara; A Constellation of Vital Phenomena, by Anthony Marra; A Cookbook Conspiracy, by Kate Carlisle; Death Angel, by Linda Fairstein; The Engagements, by J. Courtney Sullivan; The English Girl, by Daniel Silva; Flora, by Gail Godwin; Hotshot, by Julie Garwood; The Kill Room, by Jeffery Deaver; The King's Deception, by Steve Berry; The Light in the Ruins, by Chris Bohjalian; Massacre Pond, by Paul Doiron; Memories of a Marriage, by Louis Begley; The Ninth Girl, by Tami Hoag; Ocean at the End of the Lane, by Neil Gaiman; The Shining Girls, by Lauren Beukes; The Silver Star, by Jeannette Walls; The Son, by Philipp Meyer; Transatlantic, by Colum McCann; A Treacherous Paradise, by Henning Mankell; Unleashed, by David Rosenfelt; We Are All Completely Beside Ourselves, by Karen Joy Fowler; The White Princess, by Philippa Gregory; The Yonahlossee Riding Camp for Girls, by Anton DiSclafani.

Non-fiction

Dogtripping, by David Rosenfelt.

DVDs

Abandon; About Schmidt; The Bachelor; Blue Crush; Buffy the Vampire Slayer; Bulletproof Monk; Chicago; The Cop in Blue Jeans; Eye See You; The Four Feathers; Freddy vs. Jason; Hell Town; Jeepers Creepers 2; Jesse Stone; Jesus of Nazareth; K-PAX; Kung Pow; Lara Croft Tomb Raider; Losing Isaiah; Maid in Manhattan; Matchstick Men; The Matador; Million Dollar Baby; The Missing; Office Space; Oh God! You Devil; One Piece; Open Range; Out of Time; Panic Room; Phone Booth; The Pianist; The Pink Panther; Saturday Night Live; Say Anything Showtime; The Singing Detective; Spy Game; Star Trek: Nemesis; Terminator 3; Thunderball; Truman; The Truth about Charlie; Two Angry Moms; 2012; Two Weeks Notice; Vantage Point; World Trade Center.

Photographer recognized

Two photographs created by Trish Logan of Photography by Trish Logan, LLC, have recently been accepted into the General and Loan Collections of Professional Photographers of America. Logan's work will be on display at the PPA's Annual Imaging Exhibition in Phoenix, Ariz. In January of 2014. This exhibition is held in conjunction with Imaging USA, and annual convention of professional photographers and several photographic associations.

A panel of over 40 eminent jurors from across the United States selected the top images from more than 4,300 total submitted entries. The images were judged against a standard of excellence, almost 1,700 images were selected for the General Collection and just over 500 (12 percent) were selected for the esteemed Loan Collection—the best of the best. The Loan Collection images will be published in the much-anticipated "Loan Collection" book, and nearly 200 selected General Collection images will be published in the "Showcase" book by Marathon Press. Logan's image entitled "Memories Lost" will be among the works published making this her second publication in a loan collection book. Logan was also published in 2012 for her image entitled "Mandala in Midnight Blue."

Both her images titled "Weathered" and "Memories Lost" will be in Phoenix alongside other photographic works from not only PPA's print competition, but also traveling and special invitational displays. These images constitute the world's largest annual exhibit of professional photography gathered simultaneously under one roof.

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The call of the loon

BY SARA WRIGHT

It was only recently that I recognized that for me the Power of Place is always associated with a particular bird, animal or tree. Yesterday morning when I was walking my dog up a nearby woods road two loons were conversing across the northern end of North pond. The call of the loon takes me back to early childhood when every summer my family spent a month at a lake with crystal clear waters in New Hampshire. This was a small lake with a cluster of summer camps cresting its rocky shores and the wildlife was abundant, but it was the haunting call of the loon that my mother began talking about each year before we arrived. My little brother and I were already on high alert listening for the sound of loons even as we rumbled down the rutted almost impassable road stopping to pick up ice at the ice house, and buying whatever fresh produce the farmer was selling. This family camp was situated at one end of the lake and belonged to my great grandmother and had been passed down from one generation to the next. It came complete with an outhouse named "Mrs. Murphy."

Jumping out of the old station wagon my brother and I would race through fragrant pines the big rock on which our camp was perched. Every year each of us hoped to be the first one to see a loon as we ran down the needle strewn path and rounded the corner that opened to the lake passing by the porch of the camp. We had a small wooden dock just below the big rock and looking down from it the pebbly waters were so clear that it was possible to see the rounded nests constructed by the sunfish that

swam below. At least one loon was invariably swimming around in front of us a few yards away. Did our sudden appearance create a disturbance that would elicit a call from one loon to another? Perhaps, but my brother and I believed the loon was welcoming us. My mother would appear us behind in seconds and it was as if the place cast its spell over all of us as we listened for the next call. There was a swing on the porch that my mother insisted upon sleeping in every single night because it was from this vantage point directly above the lake that the loons would swim by conversing with one another. My mother claimed that she slept better at the camp than anywhere else because the loons sang her to sleep. There were no power boats then and everyone that used the lake had a row boat. The sound of oars dipping into still waters didn't upset these magnificent birds with their black and white waistcoats, who calmly swam around us as we fished or rowed from one camp to another; it was a common sight to see a loon with a chick on her back.

For the last couple of years I have been doing the loon count on North Pond, and look forward to this simple task with great pleasure probably because past and present merge when I am "officially" seeking to sight a loon. My friends on the pond have seen five Great Northern Loons (Gavia immer) – immer has its roots in the phrase "blackened ashes of a fire") this summer and one mother nested for the second year on a small island near Johnny's Bridge but wasn't there for long. Island nesting is preferred by loons because ground based predators like raccoons, mink and fox to name a few don't like to swim. Ospreys

and eagles threaten from the air. When approached by a predator a loon is apt to rush at its foe and attempt to impale it with its powerful beak. I discovered a loon's nest in the cattails one year with one un-hatched egg that had been broken into by someone who left the rest of the egg intact. Normally the loon lays two to three eggs and both parents care for the young. Whenever I am in my kayak exploring the marshy inlets I hope to see a mother with chicks but so far I haven't, at least, for the last two summers. A couple of years ago a kindly neighbor deeded over a small parcel of wetland to me and I spend a lot of time in that neighborhood. Last year it supported a heron rookery, the year before that wild orchids held sway, and this year I have seen two loons diving for fish just offshore as I paddled quietly around them serenaded by bull frogs and anxious red winged blackbird parents with fledglings in tow.

In Native American mythology the Chippewa believe that the loon created the world by bringing up mud from under the waters. Other tribes believe the loon to be a messenger from the spirit world. In British Columbia, repeated calls from the loon are thought to predict rain, and I have noticed that loons do seem to call more frequently before a summer storm approaches.

Whenever I visit my friends on the pond where I keep my kayak, we are always commenting on how frequently a loon will be swimming around their dock. I believe that loons know when friends are about, and may actually enjoy our company if we behave in a non-threatening way. Unfortunately I have witnessed a few people in speed boats harassing the loon and one autumn day I actually intervened putting my kayak between a loon that was being tormented by local folks in a speed boat. The motive behind this bullying behavior escapes me since so many of us lean into the "Spirit of the North" with gratitude for having these birds in our lives for a few precious months each year.

Bethel Historical Society news

About 80 people attended the retirement / 70th birthday party for Stan Howe, which was held on Sunday, Aug. 25, under a large tent on the side lawn of the Dr. Moses Mason House. Amid sunny skies, and with a wide variety of refreshments (including two large cakes sporting edible photos of the Society's two buildings, plus other images), the occasion was a happy, and yet personal, tribute to the man responsible for the Bethel Historical Society's status as one of the most active and professional organizations of its type in northern New England.

The master of ceremonies for the afternoon event, which ran from 2 to 4 p.m., was Randall Bennett, the Society's Executive Director; many of the details for the actual event were expertly handled by BHS board member Jackie Bell and staff member Danna Nickerson. Financial support for the event was generously provided by Society member Bill Ullman of Mason Township.

After reading an official greeting from Senator Angus King, Director Bennett introduced Charlene Tremblay, from Senator Susan Collins' office, who read a letter of congratulations from the Senator. Other speakers included incoming BHS president Nancy Stowell White; State Representative Jarrod Crockett; State Historian Earle G. Shettleworth, Jr.; BHS president from 1978 to 1981 Catherine S.C. Newell; and BHS president from 1981 to 1984 Donald G. Bennett. At the close of the official thank-you ceremony, Bennett asked Stan Howe to come to the podium where a plaque was unveiled signifying the naming of the first floor meeting and display area in the Mason barn as the "Howe Exhibit Hall" in his honor. Authorized by the Society's Board of Trustees, this room-naming recognition was deemed particularly fitting in light of the many lectures, demonstrations and exhibitions held at this location and that were organized by Howe. At the conclusion of the formal part of the afternoon event, Dr. Howe expressed his sincere appreciation to everyone for their kind efforts on his behalf. In typical fashion, he returned credit for the Society's success to its present members and volunteers, as well as those who have passed from the scene.

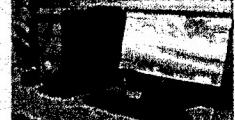
For their assistance with this noteworthy event, the Bethel Historical Society would also like to thank Jean Owen, Bettyann Hastings, Iris Roberts, Jan Stowell, Musa Brown, George Nickerson, Becky Kendall, Gerry Bell, Tammy MacDormand, Rosemary Bunn-Laban, Susan Kettlinger, Rachel MacKay, Sally Taylor, and Elder Thomas and Elder Beck of the LDS Church.

Founded in 1966, the Bethel Historical Society is the largest and most comprehensive historical organization in its region. With nearly 1000 members, the Society fosters a sense of place—with a focus on western Maine and the White Mountain region of Maine and New Hampshire—by collecting, preserving, displaying and interpreting historically significant artifacts and documents for residents, visitors, students, and scholars. Through its exhibits, programs, events, and publications, the Society strives to make the region's history meaningful, accessible, and enjoyable. In 1974, the Society acquired the 1813 Broad Street residence of Dr. Moses Mason, which contains a period house museum, exhibit hall and research library. In 1999, the Society added the adjacent O'Neill Robinson House (1821) to its facilities for an expanded exhibits program, museum shop space, and administrative offices. For nearly fifty years, the Bethel Historical Society's wide-ranging achievements have been recognized by a number of state and national organizations.

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New England Trappers Weekend at Olson's

This past weekend was the 37th annual New England Trappers Weekend at Neil Olson's in East Bethel. From top: Ginny Roberts of Lunenberg, Vt. walks her family's bear/coon pups, Maggie the Walker's Hound and Willie the red-boned Plott cross. At right in the photo is one of the many signs Olson has displayed around his property for the event. Vendors display their wares in Olson's field. Upcountry Snowshoes owner Rachel Dubois of Dixfield laces a snowshoe. Tom Hart gives a presentation on water animals next to Olson's pond.

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Aug. 29 through 31

Guided Tours of the Dr. Moses Mason House; 1 to 4 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday. Tours may be arranged during the remainder of the year by calling (207) 824-2908. Adults/\$3, Children 6 to 12/\$1.50, under 6/free. Family rate: \$7. Bethel Historical Society Members, free.

Aug. 29 through 31

Pictures Serene and Sublime: Traditional White Mountain Art Recaptured; Tuesday through Saturday, 1 to 4 p.m. This exhibition will feature a variety of White Mountain landscapes, including several from the collection of the Jackson, N.H., Historical Society. The contemporary works by artists Koeppel and Sansaricq will be available for purchase (proceeds benefit the Bethel Historical Society).

Thursday, Aug. 29

ACOA Meeting; 10 a.m., Waterford Library. This is a discussion group and is open to all adult children of alcoholics and dysfunctional families. FMI: 739-9115.

Aug. 30 and 31

Summer Finale; 8 p.m., Celebration Barn Theater, South Paris. Highlighting the season's best new work by Hilary Chaplain, David Gaines, Aaron Tucker and others. Tickets: \$14/adults, \$12/seniors, \$8/students and children. Doors open at 7:30. FMI/ticket purchases: 743-8452.

Aug. 30 through Sept. 1

Big Moose Bach Festival; Friday 7:30 p.m., Audio-visual Tour of Bach's Organ Music by Quentin and Mary Murrell Faulkner, opening reception Randolph Town Hall.

Saturday 2:30 p.m., Bach Brandenburg 4, Solo Cantata 56: Ich will den Kreuzstab gerne tragen, David Grogan, baritone, and organ works, Susan Ferré. St. Kieran Cultural Arts Center, 155 Emery, Berlin, N.H. 7:30 p.m. at Gorham Town Hall, Bach solo works for clavichord, Well Tempered Clavier, Book I, Preludes and Fugues, Christa Rakich, clavichordist. Gorham Town Hall, Medallion Opera House, 20 Park Street, Sunday 4:30 p.m., Telemann: Paris Quartet and Trauerkantate: Du aber Daniel gehe hin;

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Aug. 30 through Sept. 2

End of Summer Flea Market; 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Pleasant Valley Grange, West Bethel. Glass, fabric, clothing, books, odds and ends.

Friday, Aug. 30

Upton Planning Board; Upton Town Office. 6:30 p.m. Workshop, 7 p.m. Application review.

Hymn Sing; 7 p.m., Pinhook Meeting House, Route 232, Bryant Pond. Everyone is welcome. Refreshments to follow.

Aug. 31 and Sept. 1

Yard Sale; at Alder River Grange Hall, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Saturday, Aug. 31

Middle Dam/Forest Lodge Tour; Don Palmer, director of Oquossoc Sporting Heritage Museum, will lead trips by boat to middle Dam from both South Arm and Mill Brook with transportation to Forest Lodge. FMI/registration: Don or Stephanie Palmer (864-5647). \$75 per person (lunch is included).

Gymkhana Horse Show; 9 a.m., Ellis River Riders Arena, Andover. Free for spectators. Food booth open. FMI: show@ellisriverriders.com or 392-1101.

Landscape for Wildlife with Skillin's Greenhouses; 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Maine Wildlife Park. Expert native landscaping staff will be on hand from Skillin's Greenhouses with a variety of potted native shrubs, trees and plants that are suitable for planting in our yards.

Scribner's Sawmill and Homestead Tours; 1 to 4 p.m., Jesse Mill Road, Harrison. Entrance is free; however, donations are welcomed and used for the continued restoration of the site. FMI/private tours: 583-6455.

Garden to Table, Trick your kids into eating healthy; 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., U. Maine 4-H Camp, Bryant Pond. A how-to workshop with Meryl Kelly.

Jones Dance Band; 7 to 10 p.m., Legion Hall, Church Street South Paris. Old fashioned dance music. Adults \$5.

Sunday, Sept. 1

English and Western Horse Show; 9 a.m., Ellis River Riders Arena, Andover. Free for spectators. Food booth open. FMI: show@ellisriverriders.com or 392-1101.

Countryfolk Closing Weekend; 12 to 6 p.m., Countryfolk Music Theatre, East Dixfield. Country-folk Reunion No. 2 and Johnny Cash lookalike contest, and Country Sunday. Potluck dinner featuring baked beans and corn on the cob. Rain or shine. FMI: 645-4411.

DaPonte String Quartet Concert on the Hill; 4 p.m., First Baptist Church of Paris, 500 Paris Hill Road on the Common. \$10 per person. Proceeds benefit the Friends of the Church fund, which is currently renovating the building.

Tuesday, Sept. 3

Master Class at Art Moves; 7 to 9 p.m., 13 Cottage Street, Norway. \$20 per person. Open to 15 intermediate and advanced dancers. Instructed by Charlaine Katsuyoshi. FMI/registration: artmoves13@gmail.com.

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Wednesday, Sept. 4

Greenwood Historical Society Meeting; 7 p.m., Historical building, Main Street, Locke's Mills. Program: "History of Greenwood City," by Blaine Mills. Everyone is welcome.

Snow Valley Sno-Goers Club Meeting; 7 p.m. at the clubhouse off Route 5 in Andover. All members and interested people are invited to attend. Club plans for the upcoming year will be finalized so this is a good time to check it out.

Thursday, Sept. 5

Albany Church Supper; Doors open at 5 p.m., supper starts at 5:30. Baked beans, salads, pies, casseroles, rolls, brown bread. 50/50 Raffle. \$7/adults, \$4/children 12 and under. Proceeds to benefit the scholarship fund.

Sept. 7 and 8

Ecological Forestry/Woodlot Management Workshop; 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Roberts Farm Preserve, Norway. Participants will learn how to sustainably and ecologically manage forest resources while achieving desired yields of timber and firewood. \$195 per person. FMI/registration: adulted@sad17.k12.me.us or 743-8842.

Saturday, Sept. 7

Forest Lodge/Winter House Tour; Departing from the Upton School at 8 a.m., returning at approximately 4 p.m. The visit includes roundtrip transportation, tour of the former property of Louise Dickinson Rich, a special tour of Middle Dam, and a boxed lunch prepared by the Upton Ladies Aid. Tickets: \$65/person. FMI/reservations: Charlotte (533-2061).

NRCM/BOA Androscoggin River Paddle; 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Meet at Bethel Outdoor Adventures, shuttle to Gilhead and enjoy a 10-mile paddle. Bring a lunch. Kayaks (\$45) and canoes (\$65) are available to rent at BOA. Registration is \$20. Space is limited to 40 people. FMI: www.nrcm.org or 430-0115.

"Hollywood Homicide," a murder mystery production; Four Seasons Function Center, Main Street, South Paris. Doors open at 6 p.m. Show starts at 7 p.m. "Mystery for Hire" will host the dinner theater show as a fundraiser for the Norway-Paris Kiwanis Club. Tickets: \$40/person. FMI/ticket purchases: Tina Croteau (393-3612) or Mary Anna Palmer (539-4800).

Sunday, Sept. 8

Letter B Notch Riders Meeting; 9 a.m., Upton House. Plans for the fall ride and cookout will be made at the meeting.

Church Service at East Bethel Church; 2 p.m.

Community BBQ Supper; 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. Proceeds to benefit Keith Crockett-Harrington's Eagle Scout Project – a 16x24 covered picnic shelter between the Hanover Town Office and library.

Sept. 9 and 23

Essentials of College Planning for adults 19 and over; 10 a.m., Western Maine University and Community College Center, South Paris. FMI/Registration: 1-800-281-3703 or <http://meoc.maine.edu>. Free and open to the public.

Monday, Sept. 9

Socrates Café Meeting; 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., Waterford Library. The topic for the September meeting will be "How can our culture foster small business?" Ted Gerber will be the moderator. FMI: 583-6957 or wla@waterford.lib.me.us.

Tuesday, Sept. 10

"The North Country: Looking Ahead" Event; 6 p.m., White Mountains Community College, Berlin, N.H. Panel discussion moderated by WMCC president, Katherine Enequist. Free and open to the public. FMI/RSVP: Tamara Roberge (603-752-1113 ext. 3062).

Sept. 11 through 15

Crossroads International Celtic Festival; For five days in September, attendees will enjoy musicians from all over the Celtic world – a unique celebration of music and culture – dozens of concerts all over the county, an extensive line-up of community events, and a nightly festival club! For a complete list of performers and venues visit: crossroadscelticfestival.com.

Wednesday, Sept. 11

Bethel Senior Citizens Meeting; 11 a.m., the Funky Red Barn. Menu: Prime rib or haddock – \$12. Reservations must be made before Sept. 1 by calling Caroline Gould (824-3226) or Arlene Lowell (824-2877) with your choice. The foliage trip will be discussed and members will decide where they want to go.

Thursday, Sept. 12

How to Keep Your Balance; 2 to 3 p.m., Whitman Memorial Library. Lissa Merrill, the Director of Physical Therapy at Stephens Memorial Hospital will talk about a program well known nationally, Matter of Balance, as well as a program offered locally at no charge called Staying on Your Feet. Free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served.

Seed Saving Workshop/Harvest Party; Alan Day Community Garden. Workshop with Scott Vlauh from 3 to 5 p.m. Harvest party featuring a pot-luck meal, music and campfire from 5 to 7 p.m.

BHS Annual Meeting; A 6:30 potluck supper at the Mason House will precede the Society's Annual Meeting, during which officers and trustees for 2013-2014 will be elected and the BHS Historic Preservation Award presented. Following the Annual Meeting, Stanley R. Howe will talk about his ongoing work on a biography of William Bingham, II.

Celtic Cabaret; 7 p.m., 49 Franklin. Performances by magician, Scot Grassette, New Brunswick fiddler Kathleen Gorey-McSorley and Maine duo "The Squid Jiggers."

Sept. 13 through 15

The \$10,000 Sunday River Open Dart Tournament; Welcoming shooters of all abilities from across North America to the Grand Summit Resort Hotel. Join us for a chance to win a part of a \$10,000 prize purse. This is your chance to shoot with top-ranked players or to watch the action of highly competitive matches.

Saturday, Sept. 14

Oxford Hills Honey Bee Club Meeting; 1 p.m., Oxford County Extension Center. Topic: Preparing and medicating bees for winter. FMI: John (743-5009) or Kevin (farrouf@roadrunner.com).

BBQ Chicken Public Supper; 5 to 7 p.m., Masonic Building, Bryant Pond. BBQ Chicken, potato salad, baked beans, dinner rolls and vanilla and chocolate pudding. Coffee, tea, punch and Crystal Lite, \$8/adults, \$5/children 10 and under. Reservations (8 or more): 312-9197. Takeout available. FMI: 739-2268 or 744-9322.

Season Extension with Anna Sysko; 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Location: TBA.

Celtic Festival Event; 7 p.m., Rumford Falls Auditorium. Performances by the Lina Boudreau Trio, Dominique Dupuis and Arseneault.

Saturday, Sept. 21

2013 Harvest Fest and "Chowdah" Cook-off; 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Bethel. Arts and crafts, "chowdahs" from area restaurants, apple pie contest, Maine baked potatoes, wood-carving demonstration, entertainment at the Bethel Common gazebo, lecture and book signing with David B. Field, free horse-drawn wagon rides. FMI: www.bethelharvestfest.com.

Wednesday, Sept. 25

Free Community Supper; 4:30 to 6:30 p.m., Bethel Alliance Church, 251 Walkers Mills Road. FMI: 824-2289.

Sept. 26 through Oct. 6

Autumn Splendor 2013, a Quilt Shop Hop through Western Maine; 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday. Participating shops include Pins & Needles, Farmington; Threads Galore Quilt Shop, Rangeley; North Woods Quilting, Wilsons Mills; The Quilt Shop at the Rossey, Bethel; Kedar Quilts, Waterford; Babbling Brook Quilt Shop, Norway; and Oxford Mill End Store, Oxford. At each shop, quilters will receive piecing directions for one row of the seven rows in the "Autumn Splendor Row by Row" quilt. Finishing instructions for the quilt will be given to hoppers when they visit their seventh shop. Completed passports will be entered in the grand drawing for gift certificates from each shop. There will be goodies and door prizes along the way. FMI: <https://sites.google.com/a/threadsgalore.com/autumn-splendor>.

Sept. 27 through 29

GROWING Awareness of Organizing; Bryant Pond 4-H Camp and Learning Center. The 10th annual GROW (grassroots organizing workshop) weekend. Workshop topics include strategy development, influencing public policy, power analysis, overcoming oppression, listening and storytelling, and Organizing 101. Cost: \$10 to \$80 (based on ability to pay). FMI/registration: Jacqui Deveneau at (207) 284-3358 or jacqui05@yahoo.com, Iggy Brimmer at (207) 415-4458 or iggy19@riseup.net, or Larry Dansinger at (207) 525-7776 or rosce@psouth.net.

Friday, Oct. 4

Alder River Grange Meeting; Alder River Grange Hall. A quick meeting followed by a "peel party" to prep veggies for the Harvest Supper.

Oct. 5 and 6

Albany Improvement Association Annual Yard Sale; 9 a.m., Albany Town Hall. To donate items, please call 824-2568 or 824-2216.

Saturday, Oct. 5

Western Maine Walk to End Alzheimer's; 8 a.m., Oxford Hills Comprehensive High School. Participate in a three-mile walk and learn more about Alzheimer's disease, advocacy

Puzzles4Kids

by Helene
Hovanec

WORD FUN

Study the two words on each line to find the ONE letter in the left column that is NOT in the word in the right column. Write the extra letter on the blank space. Then read DOWN to answer this riddle:

WHAT IS A PENGUIN'S FAVORITE SALAD INGREDIENT?

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TABLES	STALE	PASTER	SPEAR
SEWING	SWING	SUBLET	BELTS
BEARDS	BEADS	CLUMPS	PLUMS
GATHER	HEART	SEALED	LEADS

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SCRAMBLERS
Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the gag!

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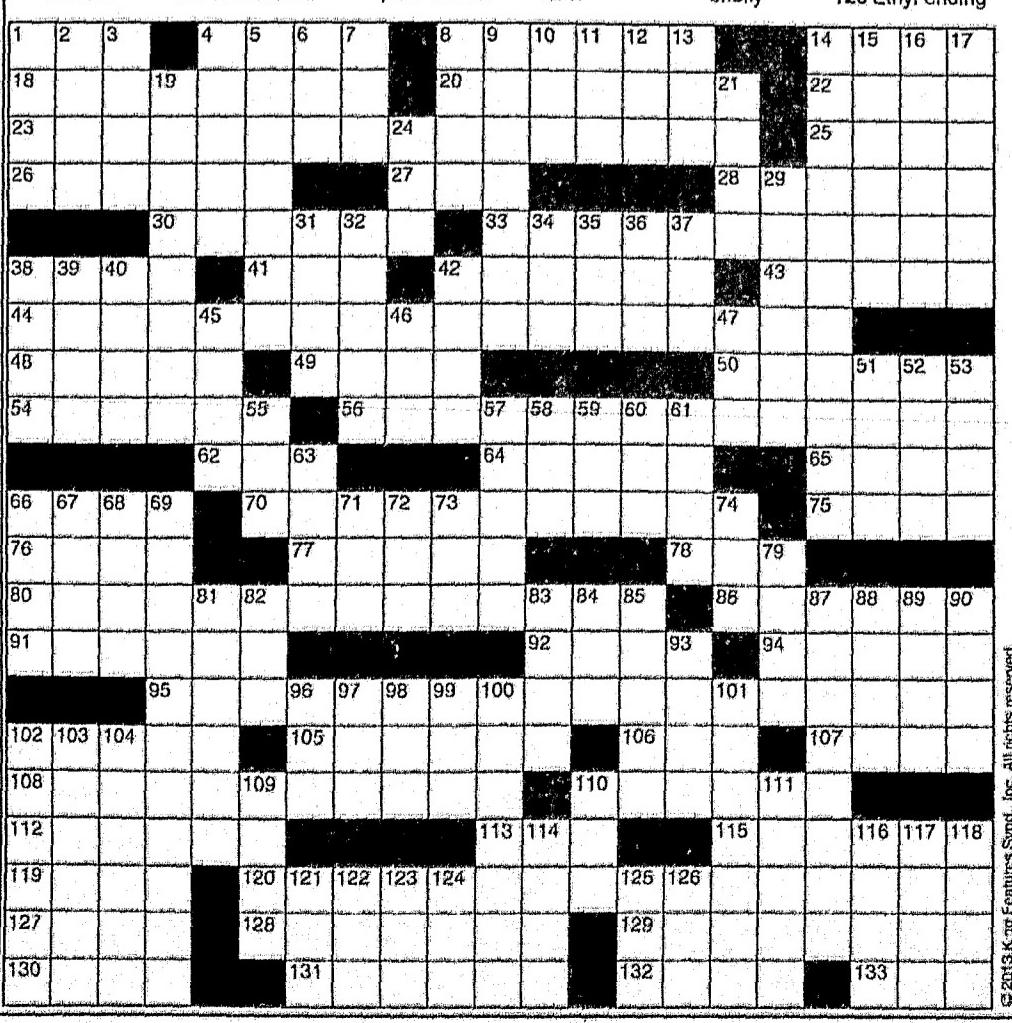
TODAY'S WORD

"What countries can we visit without worrying that _____ will have to come rescue us?"

Super Crossword

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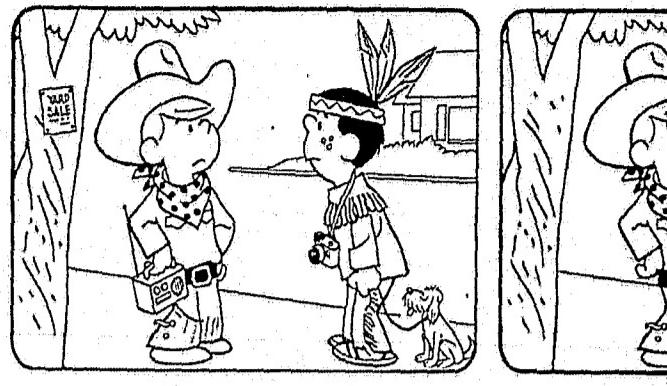
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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY
HENRY BOLTINOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

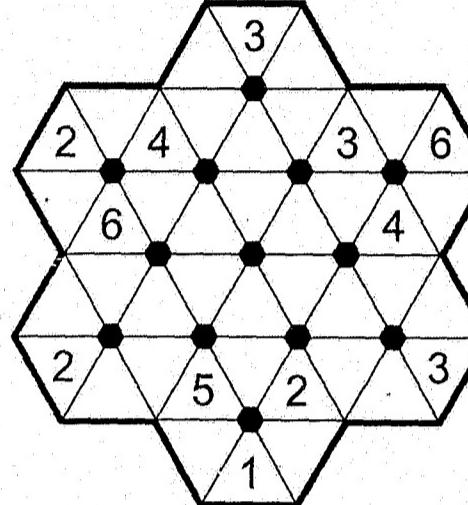


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1. Poster is missing. 2. Radio is missing. 3. Bandana is different.
4. Camera is missing. 5. Feather is missing. 6. Dog is missing.

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SNOWFLAKES

by Japheth Light



There are 13 black hexagons in the puzzle. Place the number 1-6 around each of them.

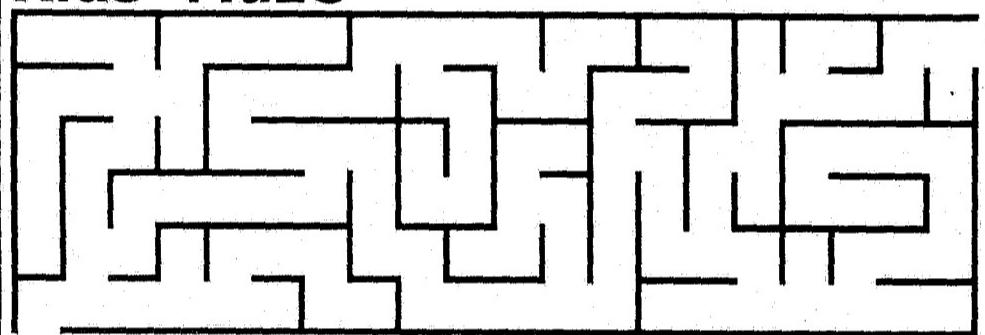
No number can be repeated in any partial hexagon shape along the border of the puzzle.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆◆

◆ Easy ◆◆ Medium ◆◆◆ Difficult

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Kids' Maze

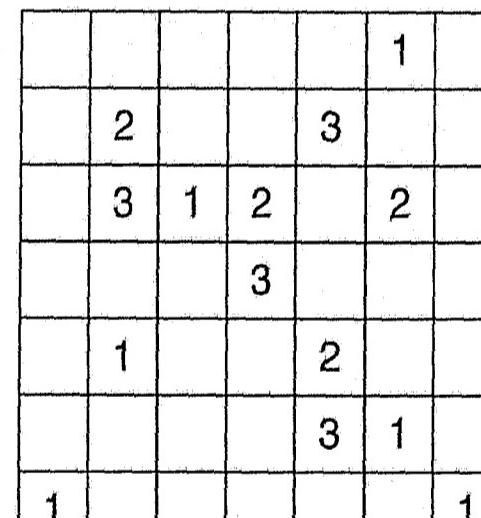


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Star★Map

By Linda Thistle

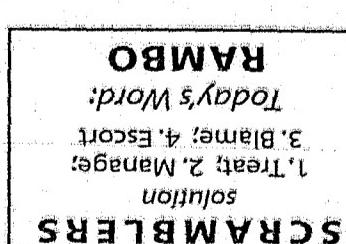
Draw a star in exactly 10 of the empty squares in the diagram so that each numbered square accurately indicates how many immediately adjacent squares (horizontally, vertically or diagonally) contain a star.



DIFFICULTY: ★★

* Easy ★★ Moderate ★★★ YOWZA!

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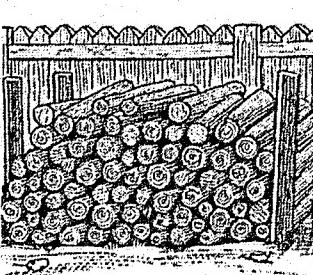
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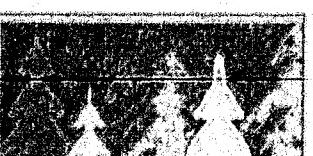
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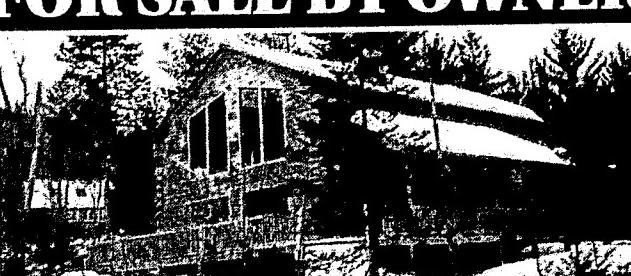
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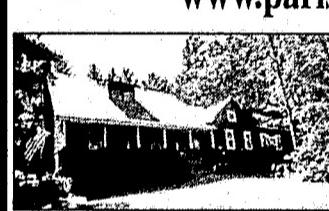
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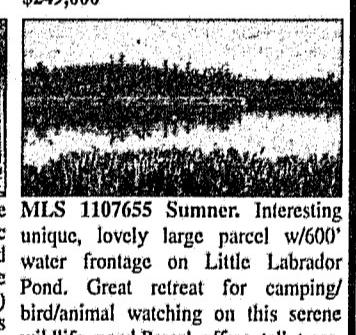
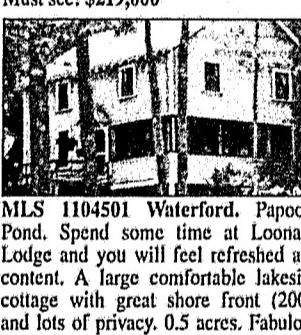
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The weekend is ideal for those newer to grassroots community action work but also will offer plenty of learning and networking opportunities for even very experienced organizers. Workshop topics include strategy development, influencing public policy, power analysis, overcoming oppression, listening and storytelling, and Organizing 101.

Cost for the three days in a beautiful setting in western Maine is \$10 to \$80 (based on ability to pay), including fresh, locally grown food and rustic but comfortable lodging. Childcare is also available for those who pre-register.

Those involved in grassroots projects and groups are invited to find out more and to come to GROW. For more information and a brochure, contact Jacqui Deveneau at (207) 284-3358 or jacquio50@yahoo.com, Iggy Brimmer at (207) 415-4458 or iggy19@riseup.net, or Larry Dansinger at (207) 525-7776 or rosc@psouth.net.

Walk to End Alzheimer's

The Alzheimer's Association's Walk to End Alzheimer's is a united movement to reclaim the future for millions. The Western Maine Walk to End Alzheimer's will take place on Oct. 5, 2013 at the Oxford Hill Comprehensive High School in South Paris. Nearly 100 people from the Western Maine area are expected at this year's event to raise awareness and funds to fight Alzheimer's disease.

Alzheimer's Association Walk to End Alzheimer's participants will participate in a three mile walk and will learn more about Alzheimer's disease, advocacy opportunities, clinical trial enrollment, and support programs and services of the Alzheimer's Association. Each walker will also join in the Promise Garden ceremony, a meaningful tribute to honor those affected by Alzheimer's disease.

The end of Alzheimer's disease starts here. Start or join a team today at alz.org/maine/walk or call 207-772-0115 or 800-272-3900.

About the Maine Walk to End Alzheimer's:

The Alzheimer's Association Walk to End Alzheimer's is the nation's largest event to raise awareness and funds for Alzheimer's care, support and research. Since 1989, the Alzheimer's Association mobilized millions of Americans in the Alzheimer's Association Memory Walk; now the Alzheimer's Association is continuing to lead the way with Walk to End Alzheimer's. In 2013, there will be 11 walks statewide over five weekends. The event is sponsored in part by Avita of Stroudwater, Cape Memory Care, Genesis HealthCare, Sedgewood Commons, Spectrum Medical Group and Woodlands Senior Living. Together, we can end Alzheimer's – the nation's sixth-leading cause of death.

About the Alzheimer's Association:

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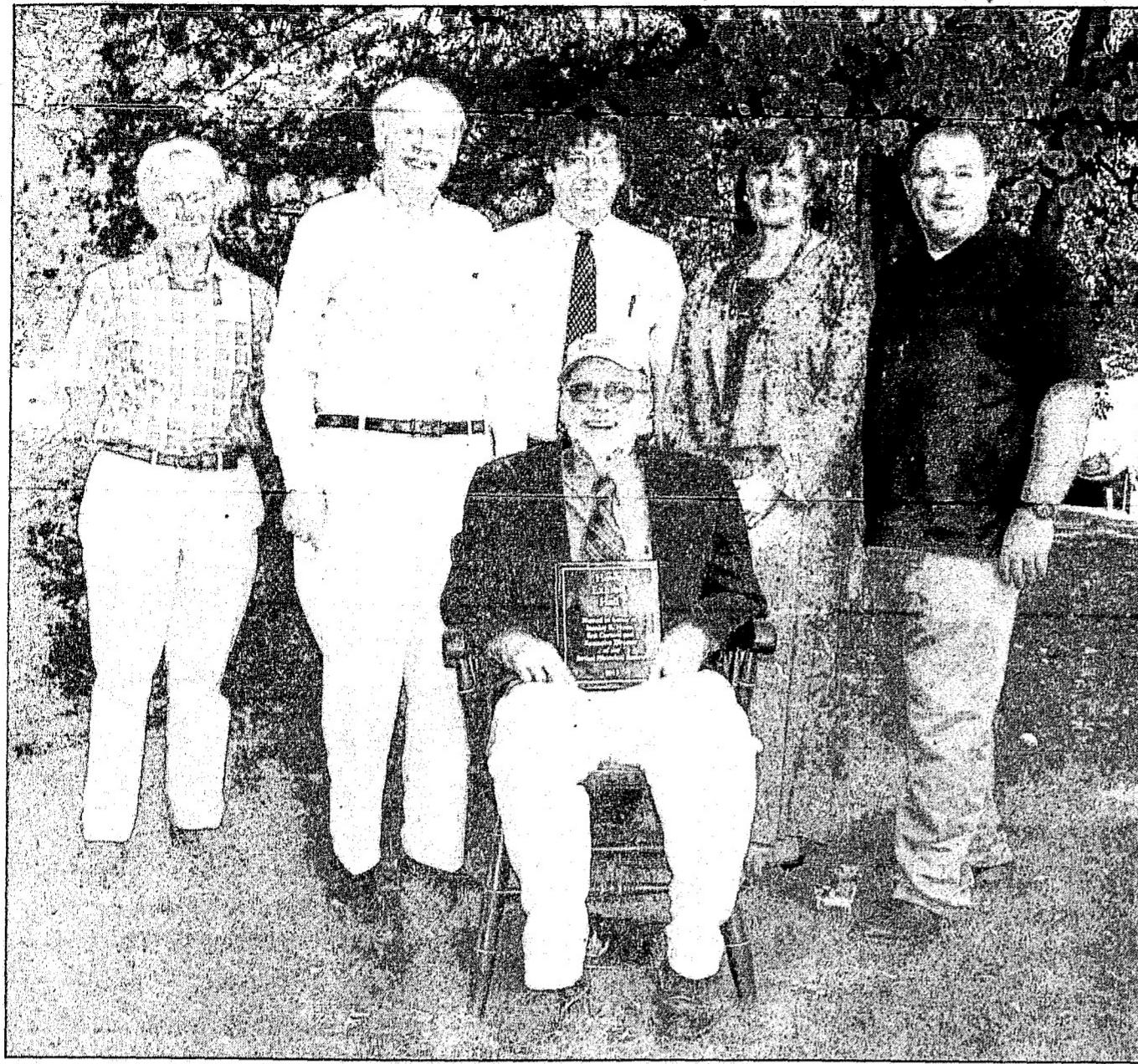
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OCEA-R scholarships

The Oxford County Education Association-Retired is honored to announce the following recipients for the OCEA-R Scholarships for the Class of 2013:

Alyssa Andrews from Oxford Hills Comprehensive High School plans to attend either Colby College or the University of New England majoring in Exercise Science or Liberal Arts. She is the daughter of Jeffrey and Roberta Andrews of Norway.

Megan Cavanaugh from Fryeburg Academy plans to attend Johnson State majoring in Elementary Education. She is the daughter of John and Lori Cavanaugh of Denmark.

Kurt Mason from Telstar High School plans to attend the University of Maine at Farmington major-

ing in English with a focus on Secondary Education. He is the son of Peter and Christen Mason of Bethel.

Alexis Noyes from Dirigo High School plans to attend the University of Maine at Farmington majoring in Early Childhood Education with a focus on Special Education. She is the daughter of Christopher and Samantha Noyes of Dixfield.

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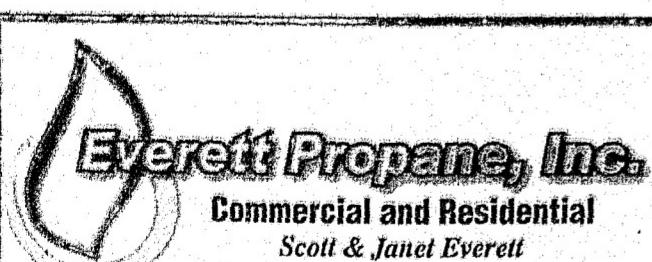
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